









## CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

## THE COLONIAL SERVICE.

## WHAT PRICE ALVES?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEAR SIR.—Permit me to ask whether it is true, as reported, that the Portuguese, Alves, was receiving \$250 a month in the Treasury at the time he ran away? If so, I think it a crying shame that such a man should be given to aliens, who cannot be trusted, when there are dozens of honest and deserving men of our own nationality slaving away for half that, or less—old soldiers and sailors, ex-police, and others who have served their Queen and Country faithfully for the best part of their lives at wages that gave them little chance of saving, and who would be glad to get clerkships or places of trust for even a good deal less than \$200 a month to keep them from starving, and who could be trusted, which is more than anyone can say of either Chinese or Portuguese, especially of the Alves type!

Why should not white men of good character have a chance to be tried on their merits in a British colony?

Yours sincerely,

A BRITISH SUBJECT.

Hongkong, February 6th, 1893.

[According to the Colonial Estimates for 1893, the First Clerk and Cashier in the Treasury, the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Colonies, and the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Colonies, were referred to, received a salary of \$2,500 per annum and a personal allowance of \$500 in all, \$2,000 per month. The post of Second Clerk and Accountant, which Alves held for many years, carried with it, for salary and allowance, \$204 per month. Our correspondent's suggestion as to the employment of British born subjects in all positions of trust in the Hongkong Government service has frequently been advocated in these columns, and we consider it well worthy, especially in view of recent events, of the serious consideration of the Governor and the Legislative Council.—Ed., Hongkong Telegraph.]

## SHELL-WORK IN THE EAST.

Nothing goes to waste in the Extreme Orient. Life is too cheap and the struggle for existence too fierce. Everything, no matter how humble, is utilized in some way or another. Thus for example nearly every form of shell-fish is used for food. After the extraction of the living organism the shells are not thrown away as in the Western world. Some are reserved for the button maker; others for the jeweller, some for the cabinet-maker and others for the globe builder. At least a dozen industries are supported by what we would call the refuse of shells. When these industries have exhausted the shells of the sea, what remains is sold to the lime-kiln and the kitchen-gardener. There are few, if any, shell-mounds in the Flowery Empire.

One family of univalves (the Strombus) is used for making fish-bones, toy-trumpets, war horns and the like. The animal is extracted and sold in the market. The shell is boiled, scraped and dried and the minor apex or spicule cut off at an oblique angle with the axis of the warped surface. The resultant shape is a success so far as production of noise is concerned. As a musical instrument it is a failure. The toy-trumpets emit a squeal which may please the juvenile ear, but not any other. The fish-bone is on a par with the tin monstrosities with which Christmas is celebrated. The war-horns, heavy and awkward, give a hollow roar more like the bellow of a stray calf than a call to glory. All of these implements of dissonance are durable and cheap. You will see fish-bones which have been used by father, son and grandson until the rough exterior has been polished by the years of handling into a pearly enamel. In the country districts the farmer's wife uses it to call her husband home, and the herdsman to attract a lingering or straying charge. In ancient times the shell war horns were in common use. Military progress has replaced them with brass, especially on the coast. In the far interior they are still employed.

Another and ingenious way of using shells is as buttons, sleeve-links and hair-pin heads. For this purpose a small shell is employed, ranging from a quarter-inch to an inch in diameter. It is cleaned and polished and half filled with molten solder. Before the solder cools, a wire loop or hair-pin is inserted in the middle of the molten mass. The loop becomes the shank of the button, which is strong, neat and very attractive. The shells employed are all members of the Cyprina family, the most common being the Cowry or Cyprina Moneta. The cost of the buttons ranges from 20 to 30 cents a dozen. Sometimes the wire loops are of silver, when the figures are of course considerably higher.

More ingenious are the shell cups, saucers and spoons made from the larger types of tropical univalves. The finest specimens come from the Southern Philippines and the next from Borneo, but good ones are found in the Pescadores and Formosa. It would seem as if the original idea was Malay and that the other races of the Orient were merely imitators. In making cups and saucers, the conchs are sawed through in about the same manner as "coconuts when intended for dippers. They are cleaned and polished, and the convex surface ground slightly so as to rest on a table without spilling or tilting. The spoons are made by sawing the rounded surface of the conch at such an angle as to partially intersect the apex of the completed spoon. According to the size of the shell, the result is a dessert spoon, table spoon, or a ladle capable of containing a quart. The interior is of a rich sulphur, salmon, orange color or a pearly lustre. It has no angles where dirt can accumulate and is about the handsomest natural spoon I have ever seen. They stand heat and cold well, but are attacked by vinegar, lemon juice and other acid substances.

The best market in which to obtain them to-day is Cebu in the Philippine Islands.

The largest industry is the cutting of beads, buttons, studs and other small articles from shells of a high lustre. There are some fifty species which are utilized in this manner of which the Chinese mussel and oyster are the most prominent. One variety gives a black, blue and white button, similar to the cat-eyes of Ceylon, and named after these, Amoy or Canton cat-eyes. A second variety is of a pale fawn ranging to translucent, called the cat-eyes. A third appears in the form of balls, a third in a half-inch in diameter, and resembles light brown opal. The black and white cat-eyes are used for bracelets, necklaces, ladies dress buttons, and also as dress-ornaments similar to pearls. The balls are strung and used as necklaces, bracelets, ear-rings and rosaries. Though apparently fragile, they are really tough and very durable. Their price depends upon some inscrutable Chinese rule and varies from a half-cent to five cents a piece. Even at the higher figure they are about the cheapest artistic decoration we have in the East.

When mounted as buttons, the black cat-eyes are a notable ornament to a black silk dress. The gradations of color are brought out into fine relief and the suggestion of blue which runs through the shell gives a color to the entire

silk that is very pleasing. The best effect is when they are sewed closely together in double lines upon a velvet waist, when they seem to be a fine and brilliant stripe. A queer way of setting both cat-eyes and opal balls is practiced by the Chinese and consists in alternating them with small carved fruit-stones. It is rather attractive as an oddity, but the lack of color deprives it of any aesthetic value.

E. B.

## FOOCHOW NOTES.

Fochow, 28th January, 1893.

We understand that the pay of the men at the Mingan forts, and all other forts on the river, has been reduced one half by order of the Viceroy, as he thinks they have too little to do to entitle them to full pay.

Two coolies, engaged by a native bank to carry \$2,300 from over the Bridge to Nantai, managed, in a crowded part of the street, to disappear from the man in charge, and to his surprise and consternation they could nowhere be found. A handsome reward is offered for information that may lead to their arrest.

Reports reach us from Cheong Lok, Hockchong and Hing-Hua, that the fall of snow was far heavier in those places than it was here. It lay to the depth of upwards of two feet, and a great many head of cattle, left unsheltered during the memorable night of Sunday the 15th instant, perished in the cold. The people are said to have been terribly alarmed on first seeing the snow.

A sad story comes to us from Kusan. Two brothers, who were obliged to sleep out in the field to watch their cabbages and potatoes, had erected a temporary shed of the dimmest character, composed of bamboo and straw, to pass the night in. On Monday morning last they were found dead by their relatives, buried under this shed, which had fallen on them. It is thought they were literally frozen to death.

The late inclement weather has told seriously against the natives in causing a rise in the price of all commodities in daily use amongst them. Rice is fully 500 cash per picul dearer, and the price of fire-wood 200 per cent higher than it was. Salt fish, generally so cheap, is now too dear for the poorest classes to buy at all. Shredded sweet potatoes, although still the cheapest food to be had, have risen to 500 cash per picul, having now largely taken the place of rice in the meals of the poorest natives, many of them being driven to live solely on this tuber, and as many more having to be content with one meal a day of it.

On Thursday last the bachelors of Fochow gave a ball at the Club. The large reading-room had been fitted up during the day as a ball-room, and was most tastefully decorated, while the usual sombre library had been reserved for the occasion into a cheerful and well arranged banqueting-hall. Fortunately it was a fine night. By half past nine o'clock most of the guests had arrived and dancing commenced soon afterwards and was kept up with great spirit until three in the morning, the usual interval being allowed for supper. The arrangements made by the thoughtful and energetic Ball-committee were perfect, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.—Edo.

## SHAOSHING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SHAOSHING, January 18th, 1893.

This bitterly cold weather has called forth the exercise of compassion and benevolence. Whatever may be the motives which actuate the Chinese, whether the exercise of the virtues of these affections as a source of moral advantage, or "as a process of moral culture," whether he views it as possessing a certain amount of "mental enjoyment which carries with it its own reward," or looks upon it with Buddhististic misconception and attaches the character of merit to all that he does for the poor, still we are thankful that the poor are benefited thereby.

Another large "congee kitchen" has been opened about 300 yards from our house. The recipients of this charity are not allowed—as in Hongchow to take any congee to their homes, but each man, woman or child may eat as much as he or she likes. The first meal is dispensed at a large temple next door to the Baptist Chapel, and is situated in the centre of the city. The afternoon meal is at another large temple not far—as I have said above—from our place of residence and near to the north gate of the city. Besides this portion of good hot food twice a day, wealthy families are distributing an extra number of warm garments to the deserving poor. For the Chinese do not at such times, and on such a large scale, distribute their charity indiscriminately; indeed they are more careful and cautious concerning the subjects of their charity than foreigners are; we have been agreeably surprised at the minuteness of their investigations, and the smartness with which they find out impostors and impostures! This is not a Government charity, and therefore the yamen runners have no share in the spoil. I am glad to say, one rich family named Han of this city, has just distributed 600 wadded garments at a cost of about 600 cash or 60 cents each. Last the recipients should be tempted to pawn or sell these; each garment is made of yellow cotton-cloth, lined with blue or white of the same material; it is not "Yang-pai" or foreign calico, as they say "that is too cold and too thin." But it is a thick strong native calico, and each garment has the seal or private name of the giver on it, so that the pawa-shops may at once recognise the article. The "professional poor" and beggars have a cheaper article provided for them, as they find ways and means of disposing with theirs in certain emergencies, and they have a letter or Chinese character stamped on the back of the garments given to them.

Many acts of personal exertion and personal kindness are witnessed on these days of dire distress amongst the Chinese. "Pecuniary aid is the most easy form in which benevolence can be gratified." And indeed this form of help, when compared with the means of the individual who gives, may be a more mockery of mercy, than a demanding little, if any, personal sacrifice, and it is too frequently dispensed in the same spirit as one throws a bone to a dog. Whereas that benevolence which partakes of personal kindness and personal exertion, exhibits the most lovely picture human nature is capable of receiving the impression of. Well, the condition of the former class excites the pity of the latter and brings into exercise the feeling of benevolence. It affords us therefore much pleasure to record a bright example of true benevolence and true gratitude as only last week exhibited in this city.

Head-chung-tai, of the same family mentioned above, has for many years privately supported thirty-six poor persons, whose cases are properly investigated. Two of these 36 individuals were a widow and her son; the latter left fatherless at six years of age. For more than 12 years this widow has received each month 1/10 of rice without fail. The boy grew up and became an apprentice to silk-weaving in Hangchow. His time was up this year and, returning to his mother, he went to work at his trade. After saving a few dollars, he and his mother repaired to the house of their benefactor, taking with them their pass-book for the rice together with twelve dollars; also 2,000 cash as "Chai-tien" or tea-money for the servants of the establishment. Having arrived at the large

house, and being introduced to the kind friend there were seeking, they instantly fell on their knees before him; as persons of their position usually do in China. Mr. Hui, not knowing them nor their object, supposed they were seeking help from him, so abruptly addressed them saying:—"I presume you are here asking for rice?" The young man answered: "No, sir, we have come to return you our rice pass-book; for 12 years and more we have received this kind help from you, and my mother has thus been preserved. I am now able to support her myself, and I do not wish to impose on your kindness further. I have moreover brought with me \$12 which I wish to hand over to you, sir, and although I will never pay for the help so kindly given, yet I beg Lao-yi to accept it, and distribute it in rice to other more needy families." Mr. Hui was most agreeably surprised at this proof of sincere gratitude, and smiling on the young man said, "You take those dollars back with you, you will need them to help you in getting a wife in the near future; and don't say any more about the help given, and I shall be pleased." But the young man persisted, saying: "When the time comes for that, and I should be in difficulties, we would again come here and consult with Lao-yi on the matter." Mr. Hui was so pleased with the young and open-hearted fellow that he took the dollars, saying, "If I am in want, or my family in want of a young man, I will remember you, and you shall have the first opportunity." This meant a good deal with a man like Hui, as the family has large pawn-shops and banks and other establishments in this prefecture. The mother and son then pressed the 2,000 cash on the servants. But the latter would not take it on any account, saying: "Our Lao-yi gives us good food and wages, we don't want your money, thank you." With this the mother and son left for home. The only family out of the 36 persons that has ever shown any gratitude.

Shaoshing, January 19th.

Notwithstanding the block in trade and traffic, casualties increase daily. Men and boys are daily playing on the frozen canals in this city, a thing I have never known before, and we have been here nearly 10 years.

Last Sunday a tall, heavy woman was on her way home from a friend's when, owing to the frozen state of the pavement, she slipped and fell twice, each time sustaining injury, and she soon discovered that she had received severe internal injury, forcing out the contents of blood came on so rapidly and profusely that she died the night before last. News also of a little boy getting under the ice and drowned before help could be rendered. To-day we were told that a passenger boat on its way to Si-hsing and Hangchow, was so damaged by the ice that 45 persons were thrown into the water and nine of them drowned. The post seems to be stopped, so I don't know when we shall receive letters again, and this letter I fear will be detained in the office here, as they told us last night that the letter boats can't break through the ice between this and Ningpo. Cash and silver and catkins of all kinds are rising in price.—Shanghai Mercury.

DEAFNESS ABSOLUTELY CURED.—A Gentleman who cured himself of Deafness and Noses in the Head, of 14 years standing, by a new method, will be pleased to send full particulars free. Address HERBERT CLIFTON, Shepherd's Place, Kennington Park, London, S.E., Eng.—[Advt.]

## O'DON'S Advertisements.

## THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, 8th and 10th February.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF H.E. SIR WILLIAM AND LADY ROBINSON.

## F R E E A R S

## "BLACK DIAMOND MINSTRELS."

50 PERFORMERS.

By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel RAVENHILL, and the OFFICERS of the SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY, a Contingent of the BAND will be in attendance.

POPULAR PRICES:—\$2 and \$1. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price to Second Seats. Doors open at 8.30 P.M. Overture at 9 P.M. promptly. Plan and Tickets at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Limited.

A PERCE-TAGE OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE GIVEN TO A LOCAL CHARITY. Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [197]

## THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Company's Steamship

## "ZAFIRO."

Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 7th instant, at 5 P.M. This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers. For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [188]

## GARRISON QUADRILLE CLUB.

A DANCE will be held in St. Andrew's Hall on FRIDAY EVENING NEXT, the 10th instant.

J. G. NEWBERRY, President. Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [203]

## PUBLIC AUCTION

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## USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

AT

SALES ROOMS, 17, PRAYA CENTRAL, ON

THURSDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1893,

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BEDSTEPS, CHAIRS, PICTURES, ORNA-

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SALE TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

SATURDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 11TH, 1893,

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WINES, CIGARS AND SUNDRIES.

A. E. SKEELS &amp; Co.,

Auctioneers &amp; Valuers.

Auction Rooms, 17, Praya Central, Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [204]

## Today's Advertisements.

## VICTORIA COLLEGE.

HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G., will preside at the ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES at the above Government Institution, on THURSDAY, the 9th instant, at 12 NOON. All interested in Education are invited to attend.

GEO. H. BATESON WRIGHT, D.D., Head Master. Hongkong, 3rd February, 1893. [202]

## NOTICE.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

THE OFFICES of the above BANK have been transferred to No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager. Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [198]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

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## RATES OF INTEREST.

ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS AND Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD, Manager. Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [199]

## NOTICE.

IN conformity with the provisions of Regulation IV. of the General Regulations for the CHINESE PILOTAGE SERVICE, a Board of Appointment will hold a COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION at the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, SWATOW, at 11 A.M., on THURSDAY, the 6th February, to fill a Vacancy among the Swatow Pilots.

J. H. C. GÜNTHER, Harbour Master.

Custom House, Swatow, 30th January, 1893. [196]

## LOST ON SATURDAY LAST.

A GREEN PARROT with BLACK HEAD, BLUE CHEEKS, YELLOW BREAST and BLACK BAND.—A reward to who returns the Bird to the Medical Hall.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [200]

## TO LET.

NOS. 1 & 2, KNUTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [201]

## NOTICE.

NOW READY!

## THE "BOKHARA" DISASTER.

A FULL DESCRIPTIVE REPORT of the "BOKHARA" DISASTER.

With all Particulars, Reports of Interviews with SURVIVORS, the Cruise of the *Thales*, official reports of the Chief Officer, the *Ancon*, and the *Perpolis*, the MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY and its FINDING, experiences of other Steamers in the same Typhoon, the *Normand* disaster, &c., &c.

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Hongkong, 26th October, 1892. [205]

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THEY LEAD THEM ALL.

## THE CELEBRATED CALIFORNIA WINES.

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Guaranteed to be Pure and Unadulterated. Pure BLACKBERRY BRANDY and fresh Consignments of BARTLETT SPRING MINERAL WATER by each Steamer.

Prices forwarded on application to MACONDRAY BROTHERS & Co., Commission Merchants, No. 30, Water Street, Yokohama.

Yokohama, 12th August, 1892. [206]

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FRESH BREAKFAST SAUSAGES ..... 35 cents per lb.

AUSTRALIAN CORNED BEEF ..... 12 " "

Several Boys and Cooks waiting for engagements.

O. M. ANDERSON, 23, Lee Yuen Street East.

A few doors from Messrs. Carmichael & Co. Hongkong, 21st January, 1893. [123]

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THE GOOD S.S. "PEKIN" and S. S. "KWONG-MO."

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Hongkong, 14th November, 1892. [197]

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Gentlemen's Dancing Pumps. Ladies' Evening Shoes.

Children's Walking Shoes in great variety. Ball Programmes.

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1893.

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WHITE CAMBRIC TIES with NECK STRAPS. WHITE KID GLOVES in all sizes.

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Hongkong, 9th January, 1893. [52]

## AN APPEAL.

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Gentlemen's shirts made to order, and cuffs and collars renewed on old ones.

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The Superioress will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES, to be made into BOOKS for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

[Hongkong, 23rd January, 1893. 131]

## FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

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AN INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1893. [156]



## The Share Market.

**LATEST QUOTATIONS**  
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—118 per cent, prem., sellers.  
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on 1/8, 10, paid up—35 per cent, dis. sellers.  
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$150 per share, sales.  
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—24, sellers.  
 The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, 24, sales.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent, prem., sellers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent, prem., buyers.  
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent, prem., buyers.  
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$85 per share, sales and buyers.  
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$56 per share, sellers.  
 North China Insurance—115 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$100 per share, buyers.  
 Yangtze Insurance Association—\$104, sellers.  
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—115, 150 per share.  
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$255 per share, sellers.  
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$59 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$30 per share, ex. div., sellers.  
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—28 per share, buyers.  
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—50 per cent, discount, sellers.  
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$37 per share, sellers.  
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.  
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—76 per cent, premium, sellers.  
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$21, sales and sellers.  
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$101.  
 The Austin Arms and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.  
 The Shamrock Hotel Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sales.  
 Panion Mining Co.—\$31 per share, sales and buyers.  
 The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—50 cents per share, sellers.  
 New Imuris Mining Co., Limited—50 cents, nominal.  
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—nominal.  
 Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$40 per share, sales and sellers.  
 The Jelebu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$51 per share, sales and buyers.  
 The Tin Mining Co., Limited—4 cents per share, sellers.  
 London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—nfx, nominal.  
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$155 per share, sales and sellers.  
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35, nominal.  
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sales and sellers.  
 Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$2 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.  
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$77 per share, sales and sellers.  
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$54 per share, ex. div., sellers.  
 The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$26 per share, sellers.  
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$144 per share, sales and sellers.  
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$45 per share, sales and sellers.  
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sellers.  
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$105 per share, sales and buyers.  
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$67 per share, sales.  
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$51 per share, sellers.  
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$41 per share, sellers.  
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$21 per share, sales and sellers.  
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.  
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$55 per share, sellers.

**ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. .... 2/8 1/2**  
 Bank Bills, on demand ..... 2/8 1/2  
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 2/9 1/2  
 Credits at 4 months' sight ..... 2/9 1/2  
 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 2/9 1/2

**ON PARIS—**  
 Bank Bills, on demand ..... 1/4 1/2  
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## Shipping.

**ARRIVALS.**  
 HONGKONG, British steamer, 87, W. B. Harding, 4th Feb., Shanghai 31st Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
 HAITAN, British steamer, 1,182, F. D. Goddard, 5th Feb., Foochow 2nd Feb., Amoy 3rd, and Swatow 4th, General—D. Laprak & Co.  
 DEWANGONG, British steamer, 1,057, Anderson, 5th Feb., Bangkok 28th Jan., and Angkor 29th, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.  
 PRYANCO, German steamer, 933, R. Koller, 6th Feb., Shanghai 2nd Feb., General—Siemens & Co.  
 LIEN-SHING, British steamer, 1,000, W. M. Young, 5th Feb., Canton 5th February, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 BISAGNO, Italian str., 1,499, L. Baccarini, 5th Feb., Bombay, and Singapore 28th Feb., General—Carlowitz & Co.  
 LEONARD, British steamer, 1,327, W. Ward, 5th Feb., Saigon 31st January, Rice—Doddwell, Carill & Co.  
 NURNBERG, German steamer, 3,207, B. Blanke, 6th Feb., Yokohama 28th Jan., Higo 31st, and Nagasaki and Feb., Mails and General—Melchers & Co.  
 PEKIN, British steamer, 118, McKenzle, 6th Feb., Amoy 4th Feb., General—Malcampo & Co.  
 GLINAVON, British steamer, 1,910, A. J. Jacobs, 6th Feb., London 20th Dec., and Singapore 31st January, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 CHUBAN, German steamer, 623, W. Wendt, 6th Feb., Halphong 3rd Feb., and Holow 5th, General—A. R. Martz.  
 ACTIVA, Italian steamer, 351, H. Hygon, 6th Feb., Fakhod 3rd Feb. and Holow 5th, General—Arnold, Harberg & Co.

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 ARRATON ANGAR, British steamer, 1,302, J. E. Hansen, 3rd Feb., Calcutta 15th Jan., and Singapore 28th, General—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.  
 CROVVA, British steamer, 1,057, F. W. Phillips, 31st Jan., Bangkok 25th Jan., Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.  
 DORRY, German steamer, 771, Petersen, 1st Jan., Saigon 25th January, Rice—Wieland & Co.  
 EMPRESS OF INDIA, British steamer, 403, O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., 1st Feb., Vancouver 10th Jan., Yokohama 26th, Nagasaki 28th, and Shanghai 29th, General—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.  
 FAME, British steamer, 117, Captain McIsaac, Hongkong Government tender.  
 HAILONG, British steamer, 783, J. S. Roach, 4th Feb., Tamsui 1st Feb., Amoy 2nd, and Swatow 3rd, General—D. Laprak & Co.  
 HERB, Norwegian steamer, 1,664, F. W. Clansen, 5th Jan., Saigon 26th Feb., Order.  
 KINGSLAND, British steamer, 1,217, M. Scott, 29th Jan., Cardiff 4th Dec., Coal—Siemens & Co.  
 KWRIVAN, British steamer, 1,057, A. W. Osterbridge, 4th Feb., Java 26th Jan., Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.  
 LEONARD, British steamer, 1,327, F. A. Cole, 16th Jan., Bombay 5th Jan., and Singapore 18th Jan., General—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
 MONKUT, British steamer, 859, Chai, Stenham, 3rd Feb., Bangkok 26th Jan., and Agor German steamer, 764, Lehmann, 31st Dec., Canton 31st Dec., General—Siemens & Co.  
 OCEANIC, British steamer, W. M. Smith, R.N.R., 31st Jan., San Francisco, and Yokohama 26th Jan., Mails and General—O. & O. S. S. Co.  
 OORVA, British steamer, 410, 23rd May, Singapore 16th May, Mail—Calcutta.  
 PALMWOOD, British steamer, 1,335, T. S. Jackson, 4th Feb., Shanghai 1st Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
 PRYANCO, German steamer, 933, R. Koller, 6th Feb., Saigon 31st Jan., Rice—Doddwell, Carill & Co.  
 SAKATA MARU, Japanese str., 1,369, J. B. Macmillan, 3rd Feb., Adelaide 23rd Dec., Albany 31st, and Surabaya 14th January, General—Geo. R. Stevens.  
 SHANTUNG, British steamer, 1,335, Frampton, 22nd Jan., Java 9th Jan., Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.  
 TAKSANG, British steamer, 977, Freeman, 3rd Feb., Singapore 27th Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 TERTON, German steamer, 1,085, J. Heiler, 1st Feb., Saigon 27th Jan., Paddy—Siemens & Co.  
 ZAVIRO, British steamer, 675, A. W. R. Cobban, 31st Jan., Manila 17th Jan., and Amoy 31st Jan., General—Shewan & Co.

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 ALTAIR, British str., 339, Moore, 1st Dec., Tientsin, Beas, Butterfield & Swire.  
 BIRCH, German bark, 1,430, E. Mann, 12th Jan., Nagasaki 27th August, Petroleum—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 BRAZILIERA, British bark, 294, A. Skidlan, 11th Jan., Australia 26th Nov., Sandalwood—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 CHURCHILL, British bark, 473, W. Bullin, 24th Dec., Fremantle 10th October, Sandalwood—Siemens & Co.  
 GOV. ROBEK, American ship, 1,661, Bateman, 3rd Feb., New York 1st Oct., Kerosene Oil—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 HARVARD, American bark, 918, L. A. Colcord, 24th Nov., Singapore 21st Oct., Timber—Master.  
 HELEN BREWER, Hawaiian ship, 1,516, A. W. Newell, 24th Jan., New York 17th June, and Manila 13th Jan., Oil—Order.  
 JOHN BAILEY, American bark, 700, F. P. Shepherd, 16th Dec., Chiofo 8th Dec., General—Master.  
 LOTHIAN, Italian bark, 718, P. Gardello, 13th Dec., Callao 8th August, Old Iron and Brass—D. Muss & Co.  
 PAPA, German bark, 748, T. W. Thomas, 17th Jan., Cardiff 14th Sept., Patent Fuel and Coke—Order.

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